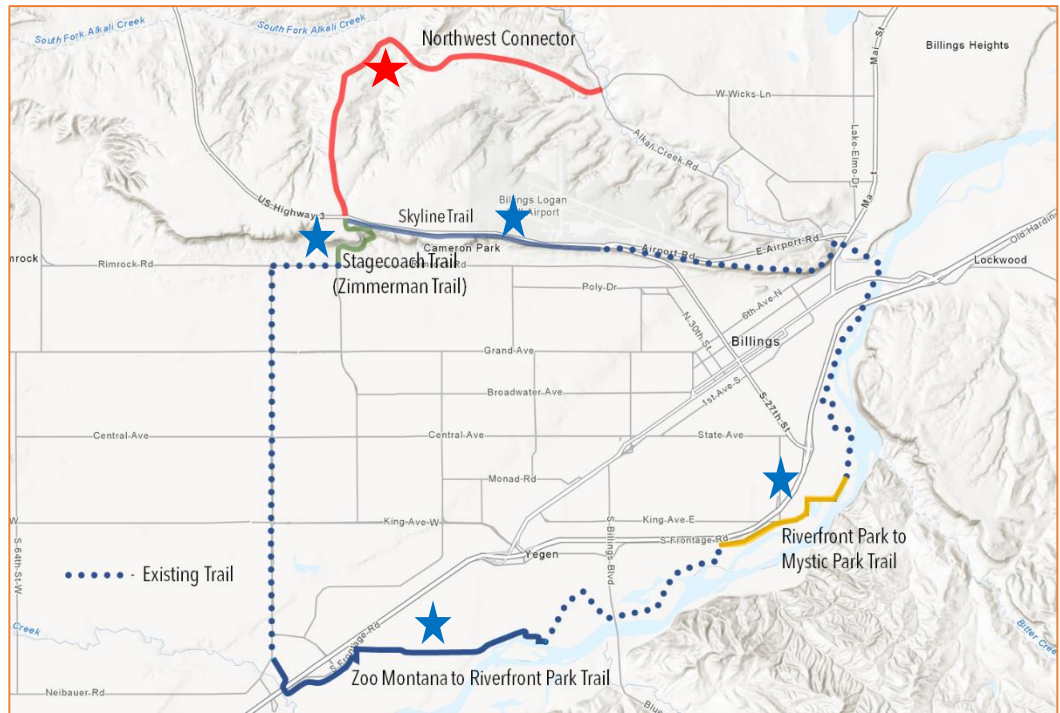




CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA 2019 BUILD GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Project Locations



THE PROJECTS

★ Northwest Billings Connector

Complete the construction of the Northwest Billings Connector from Skyway Drive and Alkali Creek to Highway 3 and Zimmerman Trail.

★ Marathon Loop Completion

Skyline & Stagecoach Trails extends a multi-use pathway from west side of North 27th Street pedestrian underpass west to Zimmerman Trail, continue multi-use pathway south along Zimmerman Trail to Rimrock Road.

Zoo to Riverfront and Riverfront to Mystic low-volume on-street or off-street bicycle/pedestrian route.

FEDERAL \$ REQUESTED

\$25 MILLION

LOCAL FUNDS

\$7 MILLION – City
\$85,000 – Billings TrailNet

PARTNERS

Billings-Yellowstone County
Metropolitan Planning
Organization
Billings Chamber of Commerce
Big Sky EDA
Billings TrailNet

Project Goals

- 1 ENHANCE**
Movement of Goods, Services and People
- 2 CREATE**
Emergency Route for Billings Heights
- 3 STRENGTHEN**
Multimodal Transportation Infrastructure
- 4 INCREASE**
Tourism and Recreation Economic Activity
- 5 REDUCE**
Congestion and Transportation Carbon Footprint
- 6 PROVIDE**
Safe Biking and Walking Options
- 7 ENRICH**
Quality of Life and Livability by Increasing Direct Access to Nature and Outdoor Active Recreation Leading to Better public Health

Partners



EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHALLENGES

MAIN STREET

For the last 30 years, Main Street the primary connector route, has been characterized as the “busiest street in Montana”, which when marketing adjacent development is a positive characteristic, however, as traffic volume has increased congestion and crashes have increased. The central artery includes one-quarter of the 20 highest crash intersections in the Billings area.

RESTRICTED EMERGENCY OR EVACUATION ROUTES

Tornado hits Billings, destroys businesses, arena

By MARY PICKETT/Billings Gazette Jun 21, 2010



During the 5-year period of 2013-2018, there were 63 bicycle and 104 pedestrian crashes in the constrained central artery. About 65 percent of the bicycle crashes occurred on roadways with no marked bike lane or separated path/trail.

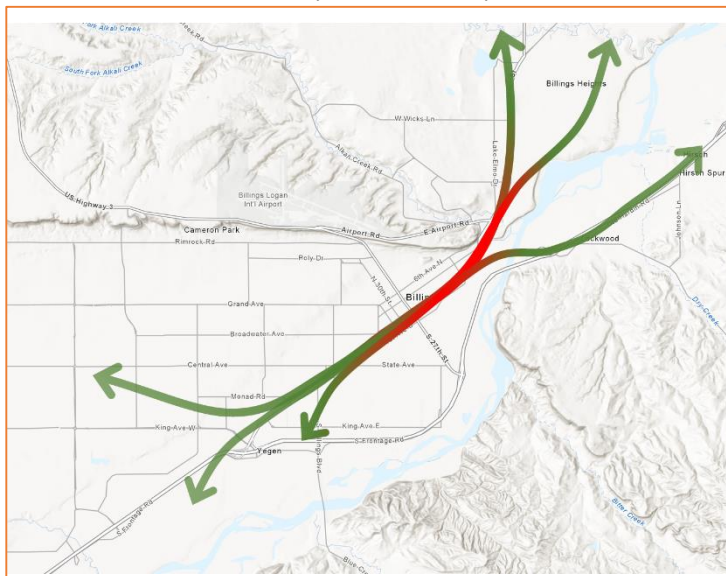
MARATHON LOOP

The Marathon Loop is a 26-mile continuous low-volume on-street or off-street bicycle and pedestrian route around Billings.

When this trail is complete, it will form a an approximately 26-mile loop around Billings with an almost entirely off-street trail system. Having a loop around the city within reach of most neighborhoods will provide the backbone of a true community-wide trail system.

The **busiest spot** on Montana roadways is **Main Street** in Billings between Airport Road and Hilltop Road where annual average daily traffic was **44,200 vehicles per day** in 2017.

2018 Fact Book – Montana Department of Transportation



Constrained Artery Challenges

- Travelers using artery routes to travel between downtown and Billings Heights;
- Bicyclist using any of the routes, especially for the purposes of commuting;
- Pedestrians needing to cross routes that have been expanded.

Constrained Artery Crash Summary (2013-2017)

Crash Severity/type	All Crashes	Medium/ Heavy Vehicles Only	Involving Bicycles	Involving Pedestrians	Due to Wet Road Condition
Fatal Crash	12	-	1	3	3
Incapacitating Injury	60	1	4	12	9
Non-Incapacitating Evident Injury	213	2	14	14	40
Possible Injury	854	17	26	50	199
Property Damage Only (non-injury)	2,786	86	18	25	655
Unknown	44	1	-	-	5
TOTAL	3,969	107	63	104	911

26.11 Mile “Marathon Loop”

